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1. Before the reorganization of Czech industry in 1948, the plant at Matejovce (Q50/D68) was a part of the enterprise Kovosmalt managed from Bratislava. Previous to its incorporation into the Kovosmalt enterprise, this plant belonged to the firm Scholz. Although the Matejovce plant is now an independent national enterprise, the name Kovosmalt has been retained until a new name is assigned.
2. The production consists principally of galvanized, tinned and enamelled kitchen utensils of all sizes as well as decorative enamel ware. The plant would be capable of producing hand grenades, parts for gas masks, and military helmets. These items were produced by this plant before the recent war. However, military production had not been resumed as of the middle of 1949. Recently, a line (linka) was installed for the production of gasoline barrels since the production of barrels was discontinued at Podbrezova (Q49/D06) and Pilakovo (Q49/D20). The capacity will be about 150,000 barrels a year.
3. The newer buildings of the plant, which were built about 1935, are single-story brick structures with roofs of cast iron and concrete with skylights. The old buildings are still in serviceable condition and are still being used because of the shortage of factory space resulting from the rapid industrialization of Slovakia.
4. The machine equipment of the Matejovce plant consists mostly of lathes, medium and small presses, and special machines for the stamping of small parts from sheet metal. Spot welding machines (bodove svareci stroje) are also on hand. The equipment is for the most part antiquated, but is sufficient for simple production. The four enamelling furnaces are well equipped, one being an electrical transit furnace with a conveyor belt. The tool shop is equipped with eight lathes, four vertical and three horizontal milling machines, and various shapers and grinders. Most of this equipment is in good condition.
5. A factory at Pohorela (Q49/D46), employing 600 workers, is at present under the administration of Kovosmalt Trnava, but because of its location, will probably be turned over to Kovosmalt Matejovce. The

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buildings are of light brick construction with wooden roofing. The plant produces various types of boxes made of sheet metal and also containers for canned goods, although it cannot compete with better equipped plants in quality or in price. This plant could also produce hand grenades. The production of this factory is to be changed, and the space will either be occupied by the enterprise Kablo, or the factory for flexible pipe will be moved from Petrzalka (Pl49/X99)

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